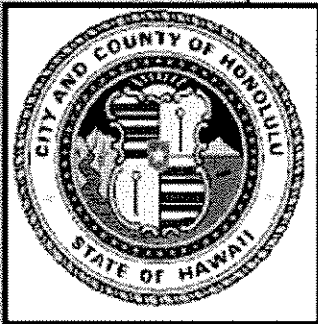


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ

June 2007

DISTRICT II

KAHALU'U * KO'OLAULOA * NORTH SHORE * WAHIAWA * MILILANI MAUKA



COUNCIL CALENDAR 2007 Committee Meetings:

Wednesday, July 5
Next full Council meeting

Tuesday, June 19
Zoning - 9 am
Planning and Sustainability - 1 pm

Wednesday, June 20
Budget - 9 am
Executive Matters - 1 pm
Affordable Housing and Economic Development - 3 pm

Thursday, June 21
Transportation and Public Works - 9:30 am
Intergovernmental Affairs - 1 pm
Public Health Safety and Welfare - 2:30 pm

Real Property Tax Exemptions Expanded

Following the June City Council meeting there were several measures adopted which expand real property tax exemptions for homeowners on Oahu. The following is a list of current exemptions and tax credits which are available to all residents that qualify:

- 1) **Home Exemption** – Must be applied for by September 30th of the prior year. (For initiation only – does not have to be renewed or updated unless there are changes.) The current amount of exemption according to age are:
 - Under 55 (basic) - \$ 80,000
 - Age 55 to 64 - \$ 80,000
 - Age 65 to 69 - \$ 120,000
 - Age 70 and over - \$ 120,000
- 2) **Home Exemption for Age 75 and older who qualify for low income.** (Note: household income does not exceed the low-income limits established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.)
 - Age 75 to 79 - \$140,000
 - Age 80 to 84 - \$160,000
 - Age 85 to 89 - \$180,000
 - Age 90 and over - \$200,000
- 3) **Blind, Deaf, or Totally Disabled Exemption**
This affords an additional \$25,000 exemption.
- 4) **Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) Exemption**
This affords an additional \$25,000 exemption.
- 5) **Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption**
The property will be fully exempt, subject to the minimum real property tax of \$100.

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New Legislation: (Adopted on June 6, 2007)

- 1) **Bill 15 (2007) CD2** – For those over 75 years of age and with less than \$50,000 in total annual income, they are allowed to pay either their tax or 3% of the titleholder's income, whichever is lower.
- 2) **Bill 16 (2007) CD1** – This gives each homeowner a one-time credit of \$200 against their real property tax bill.
- 3) **Resolution 07-80 CD1** – This resolution changed the rate that residential, commercial and agricultural were revised: (Note: these rates are per thousand)
 - a) Improved residential and apartment was decreased from \$3.59 to \$3.29
 - b) Commercial, industrial and hotel & resort was increased from \$11.70 to \$12.40
 - c) Agricultural and preservation categories were decreased from \$8.50 to \$5.70
 - d) Unimproved residential remained the same at \$5.70 per thousand
 - e) Vacant Agricultural also remained the same at \$8.50
- 4) **Resolution 07-60 CD1** – This legislation is to regulate the amount of taxes which are collected from the different residential and commercial classification. The amounts are 55% for residential and 45 % for commercial.

Homeowners are encouraged to call the Real Property Tax Division, at 527-5510, for information on filing for the aforementioned exemptions. Additional information can be found at the RPT website <http://www.honolulu.gov/rpa/>, or on Councilmember Dela Cruz's web-page at <http://www.honolulu.gov/council/ccl.htm>.

Council Honors 2007 Cherry Blossom Court

The City Council recognized the 2007 Honolulu Cherry Blossom Court at the June Council meeting. This year's queen is Ms. Richelle Miki Nakata. She was accompanied by her court which included – Melissa Sayoko Fujimoto, Tiffanie Kimiko Luke, Christin Mayumi Sumida, Melody Michiko Yoshimura, and Julie Sachiko Yoshioka. Organized by the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Cherry Blossom Festival has enjoyed a long tradition in Hawaii. Congratulations to the entire court for their community service.



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2007 Wahiawa Pineapple Festival a Success!

An estimated 8,000 people attended the annual Wahiawa Pineapple Festival held on Saturday, May 26th at the Wahiawa District Park. The festival, which was kicked off by a parade down California Avenue, was an ideal opportunity for families and friends to relax and enjoy ono food from area eateries, plantation style activities, and entertainment.

Councilmember Dela Cruz and staff were on hand working with HPD at the Keiki I.D. booth and judging the pineapple themed baking contest. Councilmember Dela Cruz also led several trolley tours of Wahiawa, pointing out important sites and reminiscing about the town's varied history.

The Pineapple Festival served as a great event for the Wahiawa, and surrounding community, in celebrating its present while honoring its past. We all look forward to next year's event which will no doubt be even better.

Mahalo to the all the hard working community volunteers and vendors who donated their time and energy to this year's Wahiawa Pineapple festival!



City Council Honors Waialua Elementary School Teacher

Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz honored Waialua Elementary School teacher Paul Burnett, Jr. at June's City Council meeting. The Councilmember, joined by the full council, recognized Burnett for being awarded the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Burnett's dynamic approach to teaching science and math has earned him a special place in the minds of his students who are able to grasp such complex subject matter as Newton's law of motion. Burnett has been at Waialua Elementary School for eight years and we hope he remains for many years to come.

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Full Council Action Items

The following actions were taken by the City Council on Wednesday June 6, 2007

Third Reading:

Bill 26, CD2— Building Code. (Updating the Building Code of the City and County of Honolulu by adopting the 2003 edition of the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.)

Bill 87 (2006), CD2— Relating to park rules and regulations. (Making it unlawful for any person to fail to comply with signs and notices posted in public parks.)

Bill 4— Relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats. (Curbing pet overpopulation by requiring dogs and cats to be sterilized prior to their adoption from the City's animal control contractor.)

Bill 1, CD1—Kapahulu zone change.

Bill 40, CD2—Kapolei zone change.

Bill 9, CD2—Relating to the Clean Water and Natural Lands Fund (Creating a fund to receive and expend monies for the purchase of or to otherwise acquire real estate or any interest therein for land conservation in the City.)

Bill 10, CD2—Relating to the Affordable Housing Fund. (Creating a fund to receive and expend monies to provide and maintain affordable housing for persons earning less than fifty percent of the median household income in the City.)

Bill 15, CD2—Relating to the county tax credit. (Improving the effectiveness of the county tax credit.)

Bill 16, CD1—Relating to real property taxation. (Providing a one-time real property tax credit to eligible owners of real property.)

Bill 32— Authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds and bond anticipation notes of the city and county of Honolulu in a maximum principal amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts appropriated in the capital budget ordinance of said city and county for the FY ending June 30, 2008, and specified in said ordinance to be financed from the proceeds of the sale of such bonds and to expended from the general improvements bond fund, solid waste improvement bond fund, or the housing development special fund.

Bill 35—Relating to the Reserve for the Fiscal Stability Fund. (Amending Chap., Article 56, ROH 1990, as amended, relating to the Reserve for Fiscal Stability Fund to provide for the deposit of interest earned on the deposits of this fund to this fund.)

Bill 36, CD1—Relating to the establishment of a special reserve fund for other post-employment benefits. (Creating an other post-employment benefits reserve fund to be used to fund costs of providing health care, life insurance and other post-employment benefits, other than pension obligations, to retirees and their dependents.)

Bill 37—Relating to sewer service charges. (Updating the City's sewer service charge schedules.)

Bill 38, CD1—Relating to the real property tax credit for low-income homeowners. (Clarifying and refining the requirements regarding the real property tax credit for low-income homeowners.)

Bill 29, CD2—Relating to the legislative budget for the FY July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Bill 30, CD2—Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the FY July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Bill 31, CD2—Relating to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the FY July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Second Reading:

Bill 43— To amend portions of boundaries of the Special Management Area Map for Ewa, Oahu, Hawaii. (Conforming the SMA boundary to the current configuration of the Hoakalei Marina.)

Bill 44— Ewa zone change. (From P-2 General Preservation District, R-5 Residential District and A-2 Medium Density Apartment District (with a height limit of 60 feet) to P-2 General Preservation District, R-5 Residential District and A-2 Medium Density Apartment District (with a height limit of 60 feet).

(Applicant: Haseko)

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First Reading:

Bill 46—Relating to the penalty for delinquent real property taxes.

Bill 47— Hawaii Kai zone change.

Bill 48— Relating to parking that obstructs traffic. (Increasing the available width of street, roadway or alley that a parked vehicle must leave available to permit the free movement of vehicular traffic, including emergency vehicles.)

Bill 49—Relating to animal nuisances. (Addressing the nuisance caused by roosters in urban areas by prohibiting the keeping of harboring of roosters in residential, resort, apartment and apartment mixed use zoned areas in either the primary urban center or East Honolulu Development Plan area and in any precinct of the Waikiki Special District.)

Bill 50—Relating to fire safety in highrise residential buildings. (Requiring the application of fire-retardant coatings in certain existing highrise residential buildings.)

Resolutions:

Resolution 07-80, CD1—Determining the Real Property Tax Rates for the City and County of Honolulu for the FY July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Resolution 07-183—Initiating amendments to the Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu 1973, as amended, relating to the Departments of Design and Construction and Environmental Services.

Resolution 07-26—Adopting revisions to the PIM for the Primary Urban Center Development Plan area, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii. (Kaonohi Street Widening)

Resolution 07-135—Adopting revisions to the PIM for the Primary Urban Center Development Plan area, Mililani, Oahu, Hawaii. (Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility Headworks Upgrade)

Resolution 07-143— Adopting revisions to the PIM for the Primary Urban Center Development Plan area, Honolulu, Hawaii. (Walter Murray Gibson Building Interior Renovation)

Resolution 07-145- Adopting revisions to the PIM for the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan area, Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii. (Enchanted Lake Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade)

Resolution 07-146—Adopting revisions to the PIM for the Koolaupoko Development Plan area, Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii. (Kailua Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements)

Resolution 07-148— Adopting revisions to the PIM for the Koolaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan area, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. (Kaneohe Stream Bank Restoration)

Resolution 07-60, CD1—Establishing a City policy that real property tax rates shall be set to achieve an established percentage of revenues collected from each class of real property in each fiscal year.

Resolution 07-123—Relating to transfer of funds. (Transferring \$800,000 from the Provision for Other Energy Costs Activity required to meet the current operating program needs of the Honolulu Police Department for Fiscal Year 2007 to cover gasoline expenses.)

Resolution 07-137—Relating to the transfer of funds. (Transferring \$91,000 from the Provision for Salary Adjustment and Accrued Vacation Pay Activity to Dept. of Community Services Administration and Community Services activities not required to pay for these unanticipated salary costs that were not budgeted in DCS FY 2007 operating budget.)

District 2 Neighborhood Board Meeting Schedule May 2007

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| Koolauloa Neighborhood Board | Hauula Civic Center | 6/14/07 |
| Kahaluu Neighborhood Board | KEY Project | 6/13/07 |
| Mililani Mauka/Launani Valley Neighborhood Board | Mililani Mauka Elementary Cafeteria | 6/19/07 |
| Wahiawa Neighborhood Board | Wahiawa District Park | 6/18/07 |
| North Shore Neighborhood Board | John Kalili Surf Center | 6/26/07 |

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Resolution 07-130—Relating to the transfer of funds. (Transferring \$30,000 between the current expense and equipment characters of expenditure required to meet the needs of the DES, Division of Refuse Collection and Disposal, for FY 2007.)

Resolution 07-131—Relating to transfer of funds. (Transferring \$150,000 between activities required to meet the program needs of the Honolulu Fire Department for FY 2007.)

Resolution 07-134—Approving collective bargaining cost items for certain employees of the City and County of Honolulu in Bargaining Units 2,3,4, and 13.

Resolution 07-147—Relating to transfer of funds. (Transferring \$568,000 between activities and characters of expenditures required to meet current operation program needs of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation for FY 2007.)

Resolution 07-149—Relating to transfer of funds. (Transferring \$250,000 between characters of expenditure required to meet the program needs of the Dept. of Enterprise Services for FY 2007).

Resolution 07-153—Relating to transfer of funds. (Transferring \$150,000 between activities required to provide the required dollar-for-dollar match for the Federal Preserve America Grant.)

Resolution 07-174—Approving collective bargaining cost items for the included employees of the city and county of Honolulu bargaining Unit 10 (UPW).

Resolution 07-175—Approve collective bargaining cost items for the included and excluded employees of the city and County of Honolulu bargaining unit 1 (UPW).

Resolution 07-51, CD1—Relating to the deposit and short-term investment of general excise and use tax surcharge revenues.

Resolution 07-168—Authorizing the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Leg. Branch of the City government to enter into an agreement with 'Olelo and Council relating to the televised broadcast of Council meetings, hearings, and other activities.

Resolution 07-177— To retain the services of Bingham McCutchen LLP ("Bingham") to represent the City and County of Honolulu ("City") in all actions relating to the tentative decisions by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to deny applications for a renewed variance from secondary treatment requirements for the Honouliuli and Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plants ("WWTP").

Resolution 07-178—To retain the services of a private attorney, as Special Counsel for Defendants Sharolyn Rodrigues Wong and Christopher Fontanilla.

Resolution 07-121—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City for sending five Honolulu Fire Department personnel to attend the 18th Annual Continuing Challenge Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop in Sacramento, California, September 4-7, 2007. (Gift valued at \$8,000 from the Campbell Local Emergency Action Network [C.L.E.A.N.])

Resolution 07-124—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the Honolulu Emergency Services Department from the National Football League (NFL) to offset our department's overtime costs for the Waikiki Block Party and Pro Bowl on February 9 and 10, 2007. (Gift valued at \$6,996.41)

Resolution 07-125—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City to the Honolulu Fire Department (hereinafter HFD) from The 200 Club for the recognition and awarding of outstanding employees. (Gift valued at \$3,300)

Resolution 07-126—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the Honolulu Fire Department (hereinafter HFD) from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company for the HFD's fire operations. (Gift valued at \$30,000)

Resolution 07-140—Relating to the acceptance of a monetary gift of \$1,000.00 to the Honolulu Emergency Services Department from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Keeaumoku store, for the purchase of equipment for paramedics.

Resolution 07-141—Relating to the acceptance of a monetary gift of \$1,000.00 to the Honolulu Emergency Services Department from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Kunia store.

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Resolution 07-142—Relating to the acceptance of a monetary gift of \$1,000.00 to the Honolulu Emergency Services Department from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Mililani store, for the purchase of equipment for paramedics.

Resolution 07-155—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the Department of Parks and Recreation (hereinafter DPR) from the Hunt Development Group for the Memorial Day Ceremonies to be held on May 28, 2007, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. (Gift valued at \$5,000)

Resolution 07-156—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the Honolulu Police Department from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) America for the D.A.R.E. America Regional Meeting and Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, from July 17 to 19, 2007. (Gift valued at \$1,650)

Resolution 07-158—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City for the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on May 28, 2007, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. (Gift valued at \$2,500 from HFM Food Service)

Resolution 07-159—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the City for the Memorial Day Ceremonies to be held on May 28, 2007, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. (Gift valued at \$2,500 from Matson Navigation Co.)

Resolution 07-161, CD1—Renaming the Beachwalk Triangle Park the "Don Ho Memorial Park" and approving the placement of appropriate signage at the park.

Resolution 07-118, CD1—Granting a Special Management Area Use Permit and Shoreline Setback Variance to Haseko (Ewa) Inc., for portions of Kalo'i Gulch Drainage Improvements Project.

Resolution 07-127—Proposing an amendment to Chapter 21, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 (The Land Use Ordinance), as amended, relating to homeowners associations.

Resolution 07-122, FD1—Urging the City Administration to locate an appropriate City park, site or facility to be named in honor of Don Ho.

Resolution 07-188—Approving collective bargaining cost items for the included and excluded employees of the City and County of Honolulu in Bargaining Unit 12 (State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers).

Resolution 07-191—Relating to the acceptance of a gift to the Honolulu Police Department from Fox Valley Technical College for the Criminal Investigation Division.

Resolution 07-176—Authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to accept and expend state funds for the provision of temporary emergency homeless shelter services.